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February 28th, 2024

Happy March DES families,

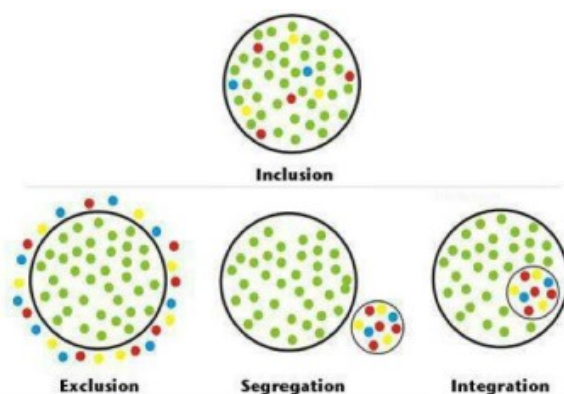
Looks like the groundhog was wrong!!!! What a start to this week, I hope everyone who had to drive on Monday made it to where they needed to be safely.

I will be sending out a video in the next few weeks with more information on this subject, but I want to start a conversation on what inclusion in our classrooms is, what it looks like at DES, and what it should look like in all Prairie Spirit Schools. In January, our school had two guests from the Division visit our school. After observing our classrooms, they left amazed, saying what we are doing, is what every school should be doing. For me, this was such a proud moment, knowing that all this was started well before I arrived at DES in 2021. This shows the amazing abilities of our support staff and the teachers at Delisle Elementary School.

What these two guests were comparing our school to was a document called, Inclusive Education that was created by the government of Saskatchewan on what inclusive education is and should look like. Here is what it says Inclusive Education is. **"Learning environments in which all students learn with their peers, teaches**

**students to value diversity and lays the foundation for inclusive communities. Interaction among students with different needs, abilities and backgrounds provides a cornerstone for inclusion. Inclusive education promotes positive relationships and sets an expectation that inclusion is the norm. Students learn to understand differences, including disability, as part of human diversity and to put in place the conditions for inclusion."** (Laurin-Bowie, 2016)

When I think of Inclusive Education, my thoughts go to how we look at all learners in our classrooms. Dr. Shelley Moore, a teacher, blogger, author, and podcaster has provided me with great insight into how I look at all of our students. She provided this picture as a great example of what it looks like in classrooms.



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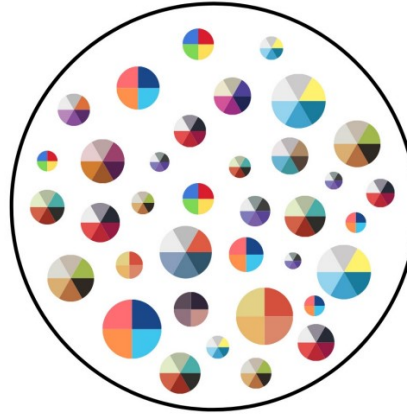
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After more learning, she was questioned as to why there was coloured dots and then green dots. What do these colours mean and is this a true representation of what our students are? After more learning, Dr. Moore has come up with a model that I think best represents what our students and even more our communities look like. I am a true believer that education starts when we are born and continues for our whole life. This means everyone brings different perspectives, strengths, and needs into every learning opportunity they get to experience. With this being said, should we not view our classrooms more like this?



If I were to think of the schools I attended as a student over 30 years ago, I often wonder what I missed out on, knowing that during my school experiences, practices such as exclusion or segregation were more common during my school years. I think of my friends and their experiences in school and they differed from mine. I think about my two sisters, who all came from the same home and background but interpreted what we learned very differently and our school experience was very different. I wonder how this affects student engagement and the idea that we feel school is a safe and welcoming place when we know that to some people, it is not.

The great news is, is that we have an amazing team at DES, they continue to grow as learners as they walk alongside you in educating your child. Not only do we set the standard, but our staff still push themselves to be the best versions of themselves for your kids.

Have a great March!

Jesse Reis Principal

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## Important Dates:

- Friday, Mar. 1—School Skating—Grade 5, Grade 5/6 and Grade 6
- Wednesday, Mar. 6—3 Way Conferences—3:15pm—6:45pm **Booked through Edsby**
- Thursday, Mar. 7—3 Way Conferences—3:15pm—6:45pm
- Friday, Mar. 8—No Classes—Day in Lieu for conferences—counts on the schedule, however no classes
- Friday, Mar. 8—No Classes for Kinder ACE
- Monday, Mar. 11 – No Classes—Preparation Time
- Tuesday, Mar. 12—Classes resume - Kinder BDF attends

Thank  
You

## Thank you!

- Bennet Lenz for their continued volunteerism at DES with staff and students

## Media Consent:

All schools require each student to have a media consent on file. It needs to be completed once and will remain on the student's profile until they are no longer a student in Prairie Spirit School Division or families would like to change consents on the form. If you have not completed this, please fill out the form and return to school. Any new registrations going forward, this consent is built in to the registration process. The consent form is used regarding images and/or names of students shared with the public, possible through school division publications, media coverage, video coverage, or on websites. Further details and descriptions are listed on the Consent Form.



## Edsby:

We continue to use Edsby as a communication tool as well as for attendance notifications and sharing student progress reports. If you have any issues or haven't yet logged in with Edsby, or would like more information about it—please stop in or contact the office.

## Attendance:

If your child will be absent from school, their absence can be entered into Edsby. Absences can also be communicated to your child's teacher and/or the office. Once attendance is taken at school, notifications will be sent out through Edsby of all unverified absences. Phone messages can be left on the school's message manager advising of absences. The school can be reached at **306-493-2451**. You can also email the school at [delisleelementary@spiritsd.ca](mailto:delisleelementary@spiritsd.ca) or contact our administrative assistant, Teresa, at [teresa.shirley@spiritsd.ca](mailto:teresa.shirley@spiritsd.ca)

## Medical Information:

If your child has an allergy or medical condition we should be aware of—please let their classroom teacher know or contact the office so that in the event of an emergency situation we are able to act quickly and efficiently.

## Fees:

We are planning Field Trips and activities—we would like to remind families that we make these possible by the activity fee collected. Reminder that fees are due for student's supplies and activity fees for the school year. Fees are \$55 for students in grades 1—6 and \$40 for kindergarten students. Fees can be sent in your child's agenda as cash, cheque, or money order and receipts will be sent home. Fees can also be paid online through Rycor with a credit card. If you need information to get started using this, please reach out to the office.

## Counselor:

Linda Peters is our school counselor. She works with our school as well as with Delisle Composite. If you would like to connect with her about concerns regarding your child—you can email her at [linda.peters@spiritsd.ca](mailto:linda.peters@spiritsd.ca)

## Kindergarten Registration:

Registration is open for children who will be five years of age before December 31, 2024. You can begin the process online at the following link—  
<https://register.spiritsd.ca/> or get a registration form from the school.



## DES Accessible Playground Fundraising Efforts

We continue to fundraise for the development of a new accessible playground that will allow all kids to play and enjoy.

The following have generously donated to our project thus far:



Also several donations that came through the fundraising efforts of our SCC Annual Fun Night in June.

Personal donations from local students and community members have also been received.

We appreciate every single penny as we collect and build this community project for all.





**Delisle Wheatland Library**  
(306) 493-8288

Open Mondays 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.  
& 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.  
Fridays 9:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.



## NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST PROGRAM

*It's free tree time!*

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Order your free tree by March 15th



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to sign up!



**DELISLE LIBRARY**

## Silent Auction

**COMING IN APRIL**

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By April 3

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# March 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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17	18 Kinder BDF	19 Kinder ACE	20 Kinder BDF	21 Kinder ACE Gr.5 & Gr. 6 Ski Trip—Table Mtn.	22 Kinder BDF School Skating—Gr. 1, Gr. 1/2 & Gr. 2	23 	
24	25 Kinder ACE	26 Kinder BDF	27 Kinder ACE	28 Kinder BDF	29 No Classes—Good Friday	30	
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